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Mabley's Report

Help Negroes? It's American —So Is She

BY JACK MABLEY

A SKOKIE MATRON, Mrs. Robert Basker, and her husband jolted their community last month when they purchased a new home, and immediately sold it to a Negro couple.

Yesterday's column told of Mrs. Basker's experience in Nazi concentration camps. Our purpose is to provide a background for her present social conscience and activity.



JACK MABLEY

She married Basker seven years ago and converted to Judaism. Her son, Paul, by her first marriage, lives with them in the conventional little house in Skokie which shows none of the scars of her unhappy past.

The Basker's own home was not involved in the transaction. They bought another home, occupied it for one night to establish residency, then immediately sold it to the Negro couple.

AS A GIRL OF 17 Mrs. Basker was put into Nazi concentration campus because she was "politically unreliable." She suffered more than two years of torture, forced marches, starvation, forced labor, and many indignities. She was free three days before the Nazi surrender.

"Many of the survivors of the Nazi camps were perhaps too idealistic, and expected a new world," Mrs. Basker says, "And they are pretty disillusioned now."

"But I say you HAVE to go on trying."

"I'll tell you, when we moved to Skokie we didn't know it was a lily-white town. We didn't think about it. We wanted good schools."

"America is a wonderful country. The most wonderful thing about it is that it's full of minorities, all kinds mixed together. That's the way WE want to live."

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"And that's why we helped the Jones buy a home here. I would like to see every group represented on our school board and in our civic work and government —a Catholic, a Protestant, a Negro, a Jew . . . all the same.

"Why am I this way? Would I have been the same person without the experience of a concentration camp? I don't think so. I've never known really whether I should hate the Nazis for what they did to me . . . or be grateful to them."

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OBVIOUSLY MRS. BASKER does not frighten easily, and is more inclined toward action than toward committee meetings, studies and reports. Her husband has similar leanings.

The Baskers' life has been somewhat hectic since they helped the Jones move in: Mr. Basker had a heart attack and was hospitalized for five weeks. He hopes to return to work shortly.

There were the expected harassing phone calls. An anonymous handbill was distributed suggesting the whole thing was the beginning of communist infiltration of Skokie. Mrs. Basker is contemptuous of this.

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"ONE WOMAN ASKED me," Mrs. Basker relates, "why the Jones didn't go around to the neighbor's to see if it was all right with them to move in. I said why should they? Did any of us have to ask the neighbors if we could buy the house we wanted?

"Lots of people say, 'It's fine what you did, but why did you have to do it in such a sneaky way?' That's ridiculous. What other way would we do it?

"Some people say they're all for it, but they wanted to study the problem, put out some mailings. I said fine, you study, you put out mailings, but there's nothing like experience.

"I say that 10 per cent of the people do nothing, 10 per cent do everything, and 80 per cent are on the borderline. With a little leadership, they will go the best way."

[Mabley broadcasts on WBBM nightly at 8].

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: (July 6, 1959)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-31133)

SUBJECT: ROBERT S. BASKER, Aka.,
Robert Saul Basker, Saul
Basker, Solomon Basker,
Robert Sloane Basker
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Enclosed herewith are five copies of a letterhead memorandum of SA JOSEPH E. SCOTT dated and captioned as above, furnished to the Bureau in the event they may wish to disseminate the information contained therein.

This information is classified confidential because data reported by [REDACTED] could reasonably result in the identification of this informant who is of continuing value and compromise his effectiveness. *(b)(6)*

A letter from this Division dated June 24, 1959, has been directed to Washington Field Office requesting that the passport office of the Department of State, be recontacted in an effort to locate subject's 1958 passport application *(b)(6)* *1/19/81*

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National Committee to
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July 36, 1959

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ROBERT S. BASKER
SECURITY MATTER - C

On January 26, 1959, Mrs. Verde Buckler, Legal Section, Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., made available to Special Agent William G. Shaw, the passport file of Robert Basker. A review of that file disclosed the following information:

On December 27, 1946, the Commodity International Company, 27 William Street, New York, New York, advised the Passport Office that their Director, Robert Sloane Basker had been assigned to make a business trip to Europe, Asia and South America to establish Machinery Agencies for American Machinery and Products being promoted by that firm for export.

On January 8, 1947, passport number 170330 was issued to Robert Sloane Basker for proposed travel in Belgium of six months duration for the purpose of selling mining machinery. He listed his father as Joseph Basker, born February 17, 1887, at Rava, Poland, and his mother as Pearly Goldberg Basker, born December 8, 1889, at Lodz, Poland. MRS. JOSEPH BASKER

On September 10, 1948, Robert Basker registered as an American Citizen at the United States Embassy, Antwerp, Belgium. In his registration application Basker stated he was residing at 45 Carnotstraat, Antwerp, and had been residing in Belgium since 1948 for the purpose of business.

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On March 15, 1949, at Zurich, Switzerland, Robert Basker's passport was validated for travel in Yugoslavia as a bona fide businessman.

On January 10, 1949, Robert Basker's passport was renewed at Antwerp, Belgium to be valid until January 8, 1951.

Mrs. Buckler, before mentioned, advised that the indices of the Passport Office reflected that Robert Basker executed an application for a passport on July 15, 1958, however that application was not contained in his passport file and she was unable to locate same.

On March 31, 1959, Mrs. Buckler, before mentioned, advised Special Agent William G. Shaw that a special search had been conducted toward endeavoring to locate subject's 1958 passport application. She stated that the subject's 1958 passport application had not been located and the possibility exists that it had been misfiled. She stated that it may take considerable time before this application is located.

On May 20, 1959, a source advised that Hedda Basker and her husband, (Robert Basker), are planning on going to England, Denmark, Sweden and Russia. Hedda Basker stated they have a lot of relatives over there. She further stated that if they can work something out with her husband's company, they will sell out and live in England since there is freedom of speech there. (S)

On June 9, 1959, a second source advised that Hedda Basker stated that they were ready to go on their trip starting June 27, 1959, and would visit London, Leningrad, Moscow, Venice, Rome, Spain, and New York City. (S)

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The Communist Party, United States of America, mentioned in this memorandum, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following organizations mentioned in this memorandum which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are, the Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship, the Chicago Sobell Committee, the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

Chicago Council of
American Soviet
Friendship (CCASF)

The first source also advised that Robert Basker attended several meetings and/or affairs sponsored by the CCASF in 1957, 1958, and 1959. (S)

This source also advised that an affair sponsored by the CCASF was held at Robert Basker's residence, 5010 Jarlath Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, on November 16, 1958. (S)

A third source advised that an affair sponsored by the CCASF was held at the residence of Robert Basker on January 18, 1959. (S)

Chicago Sobell Committee, (CSC)

A fourth source advised that an affair sponsored by the CSC was held at the residence of Robert Basker on September 21, 1957. (S)

A fifth source advised that an affair sponsored by the CSC was held at the residence of Robert Basker on March 8, 1958. (S)

A sixth source advised that a meeting sponsored by the CSC was held at the residence of Robert Basker (S)

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on October 18, 1958. (S)

National Committee to
Secure Justice in the
Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC)

The fifth source also advised that a meeting of the NCSJRC was scheduled to be held at the residence of Robert Basker on September 21, 1957. (S)

Other Information
Pertaining to Robert Basker

The first source advised that a meeting honoring Walter Lowenfels, who was convicted for violation of the Smith Act in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1954, was held at the residence of Robert Basker on April 27, 1957. (S)

The second source advised that on May 15, 1958, Robert Basker made the statement that this country is not a democracy but rather a fascist country, since "we" support fascist countries in the world and then accuse anyone opposed to our policies of being Communistic. (S)

This source also advised that Hedda Basker made a statement on November 9, 1958, in which she described her thinking as "progressive." She further stated that she could be easily branded as a Communist however, does not care if she is so branded. (S)

The first source advised that as of October 13, 1958, Hedda Basker was a member of the Board of Directors of the CCASF. (S)

The sources utilized in the above paragraphs and those used to characterize organizations in the attached pages have furnished reliable information in the past.

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The following is a physical description and background information regarding Robert Basker as obtained from personal observation and interview by Special Agent Paul R. S. Yates on February 20, 1957, and from the files of the Passport Office, Department of State on January 26, 1959, by Special Agent William G. Shaw:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	September 30, 1918,
Place of birth	New York City
Height	5'7"
Weight	160 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars	Appendectomy and hernia operation scars
Social Security No.	124-10-5152
Education	8 years elementary school; four years high school; City College of New York, School of Business, 1936 to 1941, evenings, Accounting Course District Manager, Encyclopedia Britannica 5010 Jarlath Avenue, Skokie, Illinois Hedda Basker, wife, Paul Basker , son, two other children
Employment	
Residence	
Spouse	
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CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (CCASF)

EDWIN GORDON FOX, 7147 Jeffrey Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, (now deceased), made available in January, 1954, the "First Annual Report CCASF", an undated publication which stated that the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship (CCASF) was incorporated in July, 1943. This document stated, "The Council's affiliation with the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship was validated August 11 (1943). The present name was adopted to conform to standard national practice. It should be noted, however, that the Chicago Council is entirely autonomous; the government of its affairs rests exclusively in the hands of its Chicago Executive Board."

A source advised on June 20, 1956, that at an Executive Committee meeting of the CCASF, an officer of the organization stated that the aims of the Council were peaceful co-existence and friendship with the U.S.S.R.

A second source advised on May 11, 1959, that the CCASF continues to use its facilities for the purpose of propagandizing for international peace and cultural exchange with the U.S.S.R. This source advised that even though the CCASF claims to be autonomous, leaders of the group are frequently in contact with and its program closely follows that of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

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CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE

Cited as one of the local organizations active in the Communist propaganda campaign exploiting atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, p. 72.)

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG
CASE (and local affiliates)

1. Cited as a Communist front "organized at least as early as November 1951" to conduct the United States phase of "a mammoth propaganda campaign designed to obliterate the crime (of) and exploit the Rosenbergs and their codefendant, Morton Sobell for the purposes of international Communism." Headed by Joseph Brainin as chairman, the committee had national headquarters at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City, and more than 40 local affiliates throughout the country.

(Committee on Un-American Activities Report "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, pp.1, 13,21,63 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, pp. 3 and 29-33.

2. "To defend the cases of Communist Lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-31133)

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DATE OF INFO: 8/18/59

SUBJECT: ROBERT S. BASKER, Aka.
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Re Chicago letterhead memorandum to Bureau dated 7/6/59 and New York airtel to Bureau dated 7/22/59 entitled "MANDEL TERMAN, IS - C", OO: CHICAGO.

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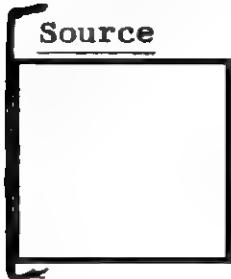
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ROBERT S. BASKER
SECURITY MATTER - C

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On July 16, 1959, Mrs. Buckler, aforementioned, advised Special Employee Alfred H. Kreckman that Basker's 1958 passport application is still missing. Buckler conjectured that Basker's application has apparently been misfiled and she was unable to state when it may be located. ~~(S)~~ u

On July 20, 1959, a source advised that a Bob Basker in Moscow, U.S.S.R., was in contact with a Mrs. Jessie Sherwood, Park Ridge, Illinois. This source further advised that Mrs. Sherwood apparently is caring for the children of Hedda and Bob Basker. ~~(S)~~

[On June 25, 1959, a second source advised that Robert Basker's mother-in-law is Mrs. Jessie Sherwood.]

On October 13, 1958, this source also advised that as of that date, Hedda Basker was a member of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship ~~(S)~~

The Communist Party, USA, mentioned in this letter-head memorandum, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship and the Midwest Committee For Protection of Foreign Born, mentioned in this letterhead memorandum, have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, and are characterized in the attached pages.

A third source advised that on May 25, 1959, Robert Basker attended an affair sponsored by the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship held at 32 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, on May 22, 1959. Tamara Mamedova, Cultural Attache of the U.S.S.R. Embassy, Washington, D. C., was the guest speaker. (S)

On May 21, 1959, a fourth source advised that Robert Basker attended the twelfth annual conference of the Midwest Committee For Protection of Foreign Born at the Chopin Center, 1547 North Leavitt Street, Chicago, Illinois, on May 17, 1959. (S)

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MIDWEST COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF
FOREIGN BORN (MCPFB)

On May 12, 1955, JOSEPH ALBERT POSKONKA, a member of the Communist Party from 1944 to about 1948, advised that the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) was formed in the late 1940's and was at that time and up to May, 1955, the Midwest organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB).

A source advised on May 5, 1959, that the MCPFB has been, since May, 1955, and still is the Midwest organization of the ACPFB.

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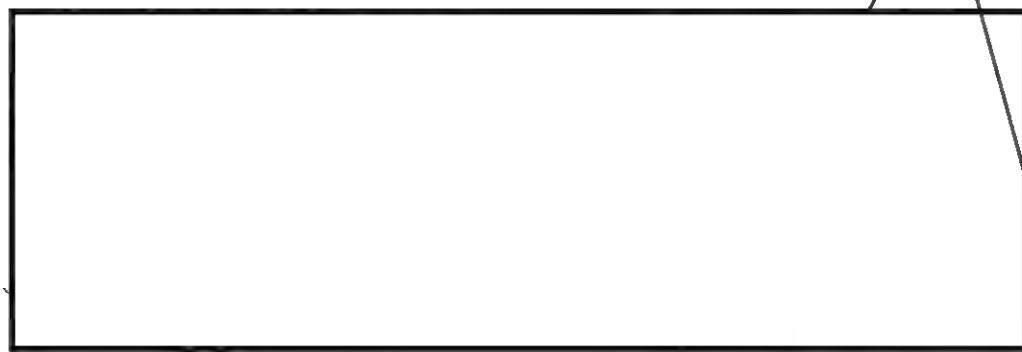
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DATE: August 31, 1959

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Re Chicago letterhead memoranda dated
June 26 and July 6, 1959.

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to attention in the future. Accordingly, this case
is considered RUC. (X)

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Date: September 15, 1959

To: Director, FBI (100-429347)

From: Legat, Rome (100-195)

Subject: ROBERT S. BASKER aka

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HEDDA BASKER aka

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ROBERT S. BASKER
HEDDA BASKER

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by a confidential source abroad on September 11, 1959. ~~(Ex)~~

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Robert Basker was in possession of U.S. Passport No. 1064027, issued July 17, 1958, at Washington, D. C. His date of birth was indicated on the passport as February 7, 1925, at New York, New York. ~~(Ex)~~

No information is available concerning the destination of the Baskers upon departing Rome. During their stay in Venice they are known to have travelled to Verona, Italy, on August 14 to attend the opera. ~~(Ex)~~

No unfavorable information concerning the Baskers

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (u)

FROM : Legat, London (100-1640, 100-2005)

SUBJECT: HEDDA BASKER, Aka
SM - C
Bufile 100-429347

ROBERT S. BASKER
SM - C

DATE: September 4, 1959

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Re Chicago letterhead memorandum dated 6/26/59 captioned HEDDA BASKER, SM - C, and Chicago letter to the Bureau dated August 5, 1959, captioned ROBERT BASKER, SM - C.

Information contained in referenced letters indicated subjects might possibly apply for permanent residence in England where, according to a confidential source, the subjects have relatives. Because of this this information was made available to [redacted]

[redacted] has now advised concerning them and this information is included in a memorandum, the original and seven copies of which are enclosed. This material was made available [redacted]

[redacted] as T-1 in the enclosure. [redacted]

[redacted] states no information has come to his attention reflecting that the subjects do intend to remain in England. Information received indicates they were only actually in the United Kingdom for a two-day period in July, 1959. Because they have left this country and did not come to security notice, this case is being placed in an RUC status; however [redacted] is aware of our interest in them and should any information be received [redacted] this office will be advised. [redacted]

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.
September 4, 1959

Re: HEDDA BASKER, Aka
ROBERT BASKER

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised on September 2, 1959, that HEDDA BASKER and her husband ROBERT arrived in the United Kingdom from Brussels, Belgium, on July 7, 1959, and departed the United Kingdom for Stockholm, Sweden, on July 9. ~~1959~~

T-1 stated during their two-day stay in the United Kingdom they did not come to security notice. ~~(S)~~

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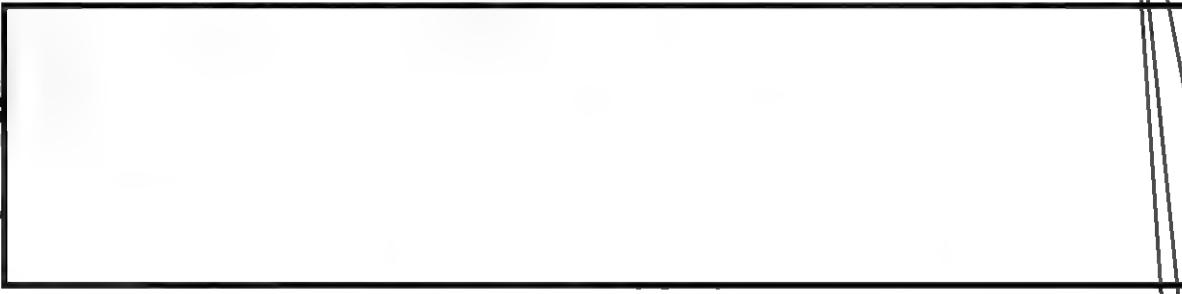
TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9-30-59

FROM ~~WPA~~ Legal Attaché, Madrid (100-235
100-244)SUBJECT: ROBERT S. BASKER, aka
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Re Chicago letterhead memorandum 6-26-59 on subject HEDDA BASKER and Chicago letterhead memorandum 8-5-59 on subject ROBERT S. BASKER.



Continued contact with these sources since that time has failed to result in the obtaining of any information that subjects have visited Spain. On 9-29-59 [redacted] confirmed

[redacted] that no information had been received to date on them. [redacted]

[redacted] this case is being placed in an RUC status UACB. [redacted]

Two extra copies of this letter are attached for forwarding by the Bureau to the Chicago Office.

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American Embassy
Paris 8, France

Date: September 28, 1959
To: Director, FBI (100-429347)
From: Legal Attaché, Paris (100-762)

Subject: HEDDA BASKER
SM - C

ROBERT S. BASKER
SM - C

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Re Chicago letterhead memoranda 6/26/59 and 7/6/59.

This is to advise that pertinent information regarding subjects' background and travel to Europe has been furnished to [redacted]

[redacted] Subjects have not as yet come to their attention

[redacted] any information received by [redacted] In the future will be furnished to this office. (X)

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HEDDA BASKER, aka
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[redacted] advised that the subjects had returned from their trip abroad and had resumed their residence at 5010 Jarlath Avenue, Skokie, Illinois.

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FD 122's are being submitted.

FD 315, removing stops that were placed with INS regarding HEDDA BASKER's return from abroad, have been forwarded to INS, Washington, D. C.

Chicago is taking no further action in above matters at the present time.

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Paris U, France

Date: October 9, 1959
To: Director, FBI (100-429347)
From: Legat, Paris (100-762) ~~X~~
Subject: HEDDA BASKER
SM - C
ROBERT S. BASKER
SM - C

Re Paris letter 9/28/59.

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There are enclosed 5 copies of a letterhead memo-
randum containing the substance of a report

[redacted] has furnished reliable information in the
past and should not be identified as the source in the event
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HEDDA BASKER;
ROBERT S. BASKER

On October 6, 1959, a confidential source abroad who has furnished reliable information in the past provided the following information concerning the subjects: (X)

One ROBERT S. BASKER was demobilized from the U. S. Army in December 1945 at Brussels, Belgium, after which he continued to work as a civilian in an American military installation. (X)

HEDDA BASKER nee SCHMIDT resided in Belgium from May 15, 1937, until mid-1939, at which time she was in the Ursuline Boarding School at Londerzeel, Belgium. At that time her home address was 669/III Prinsengracht, Amsterdam, Holland. (X)

The source advised that no further information is available concerning either of the subjects.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-42)

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
RACIAL INTEGRATION, SKOKIE, ILLINOIS,

1/30/61

RACIAL MATTERS*Robert S. Baskin*

Re Chicago airtel dated 1/31/61.

Submitted herewith are the original and seven copies
of a letterhead memorandum setting forth additional details
concerning captioned matter.The first confidential source utilized in attached
letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED] (b)(7)-(D)The second confidential source utilized in attached
letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED] (b)The third confidential source utilized in attached
letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED] (b)Sources utilized to characterize the Chicago Sobell
Committee are [REDACTED] anonymous source. and [REDACTED] (b)Sources used to characterize the Chicago Council of
American-Soviet Friendship are [REDACTED] (b)The attached letterhead memorandum is classified
confidential in that data reported from [REDACTED]
could reasonably result in the identification of these informants
who are of continuing value and compromise their future
effectiveness. (b)Careful consideration has been given to the sources
concealed and such were concealed only where necessary.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois

February 23, 1961

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
RACIAL INTEGRATION, SKOKIE, ILLINOIS,
JANUARY 30, 1961
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to the letterhead memorandum dated January 31, 1961, captioned as above. This memorandum noted that one David Jones, a Negro, was moving from the Hyde Park area of Chicago, Illinois, to an all-white neighborhood in Skokie, Illinois. Jones was to be the first Negro to take up residence in this Skokie area. Jones was moving into a home valued at approximately \$40,000 and located in a neighborhood predominantly Jewish.

By letter received February 21, 1961, an anonymous individual furnished the Chicago Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, with a one-page circular entitled "Is Communism Infiltrating Our Community Through the Guise of Integration?". This circular had been placed in the mailbox of the individual furnishing such on February 19, 1961, by person or persons unknown. The circular reads as follows:

"David and Lois Jones, the first NEGRO FAMILY to purchase a home in Skokie, bought their home, a \$33,500 split-level, from Robert and Hedda Basker⁶¹ of 5010 W. JARLATH, SKOKIE. The Baskers purchased this home from the builder on the pretext that they had sold their home at 5010 W. Jarlath and were interested in this house for themselves. Upon the completion of all negotiations with the builder, they executed a mortgage for \$22,500. At the same time that the deed to the property was recorded in the Baskers name from the builder, another deed was recorded transferring the property to Mr. and Mrs. Jones now residing under the protection of police, who have maintained a 24 hour guard at the front and rear of the house. At night floodlights shine on the home as part of the round the clock protection.

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"The political belief of Mr. and Mrs. Basker is such, that surveillance has been afforded to follow their actions. Some of which are warm association with Mandel Terman, known subversive; Host to the Chicago Sobell Committee showing the film 'Was Justice Done,' Mrs. Helen Sobel speaking of her plight. And to 'Fellow Travelers' Scott Neering and Dr. Henry Noyes.

"Also their home was used for a meeting place honoring the 12th anniversary of the National Guardian, a publication whose editions feature weekly dockets of dates and meeting places of these so called 'Travelers', and sympathies to those who are evoking mockery to our Constitution. This was on January 21, 1961 when they were in the process of purchasing the house at 9632 North Kildare Avenue.

"Velvet glove criticism of the communist governments in world politics has justification. Those who aid or front for communist efforts whether a criminal act or progressive action are not desirables in a Democratic Society.

"Who are these people who perpetrated this subtle seduction? Robert Basker, Hedda Basker, David Jones and Lois Jones.

"Would YOU want them for YOUR neighbors?

"These facts are not being published to incite violent action in Skokie. However as American citizens and residents of Skokie we feel that the facts should be known."

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 5, 1958, that Mandel Terman in the early 1940s was a member-at-large of the Communist Party of Illinois (CP). Terman in November, 1958, was in Russia where he had gone to discuss the treatment of the Jews and to discuss Jewish Culture in the USSR with the leadership of the CP of the Soviet Union. During 1960 he was chairman of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship. (S)

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The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Helen Sobell is the wife of Morton Sobell who was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. Sobell on April 5, 1951, was sentenced to serve thirty years imprisonment and is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 29, 1960, that Scott Nearing was guest speaker at a Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship meeting held March 25, 1960, in Chicago, Illinois. ~~(X)~~

A third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 11, 1959, that Henry Noyes was a member of the CP of Illinois in March, 1959.

Sources used to characterize the Chicago Sobell Committee have furnished reliable information in the past. Sources used to characterize the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship have furnished reliable information in the past.

On February 23, 1961, this information was furnished to Rudolf J. Rogers, Commanding Officer, Region I, United States Army Operations Group, Chicago, Illinois.

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CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE, Also Known As Chicago
Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

On September 27, 1960, a source stated that the address of the above captioned organization is Room 309-1, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Source advised on May 23, 1960, that the Chicago Sobell Committee, which is also known as Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, and was formerly known as Chicago Rosenberg-Sobell Committee and Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, is a small group of volunteers who do Sobell fund raising and programing in the Chicago area. The Chicago Committee, since its inception in 1952, has been an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which is also known as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and was formerly known as the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, with headquarters in New York.

Source said that to his knowledge this committee has no full-time employees nor any volunteers who have national positions or titles. DAVID SOLTHER and SYLVIA LEVINSON appear to be the guiding forces behind this committee and they are assisted by GERTRUDE SOLTHER, wife of DAVID SOLTHER, and former chairman of this committee who continues to be active in Sobell activities.

Another source advised during May 1960, that the Chicago Sobell Committee maintains a bank account at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, and that DAVID SOLTHER is listed in this bank account as the Secretary of the Chicago Sobell Committee.

The above information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The files of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the names of DAVID and GERTRUDE SOLTHER appear as signers on the Communist Party (CP) election petition submitted to the State of Illinois in 1940.

Another source in 1943 advised that GERTRUDE SOLTHER, as of 1943 was a member of the CP.

Another source furnished information in 1949 which indicate that at that time SYLVIA LEVINSON was Vice Chairman of the Congress of American Women.

The CP and the Congress of American Women have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell', the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953 and 'them as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case'. . . ."

(Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell", first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

EDWIN GORDON FOX, 7147 Jeffrey Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, (now deceased), made available in January, 1954, the "First Annual Report CCASF", an undated publication which stated that the Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship (CCASF) was incorporated in July, 1943. This document stated, "The Council's affiliation with the National Council of American Soviet Friendship (NCASF) was validated August 11, (1943). The present name was adopted to conform to standard national practice. It should be noted, however, that the Chicago Council is entirely autonomous; the government of its affairs rests exclusively in the hands of its Chicago Executive Board."

A source advised on May 25, 1960, that the Board of Directors of the CCASF held a meeting on May 24, 1960 and during this meeting discussed a proposed draft of objectives for the Council for the year 1960. This draft, among other things, reiterated that the main aims of the Council were peaceful co-existence and friendship with the U. S. S. R.

This same source also advised on May 25, 1960, that the CCASF remains affiliated with the NCASF for the purpose of implementing its stated aims of peaceful co-existence and friendship with the U. S. S. R., but continues to consider itself autonomous in the government of its affairs and program for achieving these aims. Although the CCASF considers itself autonomous in this regard, the leaders of the CCASF are frequently in contact with and its program closely follows that of the NCASF.

The NCASF has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

"Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. *** Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia'."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, p. 12.)

The above documentation is included on page 105 of the revised "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

FROM : C. R. Davidson

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LEAK OF FBI INFORMATION
CHICAGO OFFICE

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February 24, 1961

TOP SECRET

DATE 4/15/81

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for [redacted]

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Callahan	[redacted]
Conrad	[redacted]
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SAC Gale, Chicago, on 2-16-61 telephonically advised of a possible leak of information from files of Chicago Office. Robert S. Basker, former Security Index Subject and his wife, Hedda Basker, present Security Index Subject, both white, had purchased a rather expensive home in Chicago suburb known as Skokie, Illinois, and then sold it to David Jones, a Negro, and his family. This created a good deal of excitement and Frank Sullivan, a reporter for the "Chicago Sun-Times" was assigned by his newspaper to do a story on the situation. According to Sullivan, he interviewed Jacques L. Doyle and Mickey Jaffe, both Skokie residents, and Sullivan said that either Doyle or Jaffe informed him that they had a friend who was a friend of a clerk in the FBI and that the friend was able to get the results of a name check on the Baskers through this source. The clerk allegedly advised that Robert Basker had been under investigation by the FBI for ten years as a communist, had visited the Soviet Union, and was active on a committee seeking the release of Morton Sobel. Sullivan said the clerk had not been identified to him and SAC Gale stated that he believes he was successful in satisfying Sullivan that an FBI employee would not furnish such information.

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Upon interview Mickey Jaffe vehemently denied that he had ever obtained any information through an FBI source concerning the Basker family. He said, however, that he had accumulated considerable information reflecting that Robert S. Basker had been under investigation as a communist, the source of such information being Chief Thomas N. Ryan, Skokie Police Department, and the American Security Council (the American Security Council is an organization financed and operated by private industry). TELN:cch (6) 1 - Mr. Malone (Sent direct) 1 - Mr. DeLoach (Sent direct) 1 - Mr. C. R. Davidson (Sent direct)

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Memorandum Davidson to Callahan
Re: Possible Leak of FBI Information, Chicago Office

as a national research and information center on subversive activities. It is directed by former SA Jack E. Ison, EOD 12-18-50; resigned 1-30-59. Services satisfactory. Ison has access to the records of the subversive squad of the Chicago Police Department). During interview Jaffe volunteered that people in the neighborhood of the home sold to the Negro family were extremely incensed at the idea of a "communist" (Basker) acting as a front in purchasing property for Negroes, and he said that he was of the opinion that something should be done about this.

Jacques L. Doyle was also interviewed and he strongly denied that he or Jaffe had ever informed Sullivan, the reporter, that they had a source of information in the FBI. He stated that he had understood that Jaffe had obtained certain information concerning the communist background of Basker from the American Security Council and that at a meeting of about 30 individuals, the Skokie Police Chief, Thomas N. Ryan, had made the observation that Basker and his wife were "leftists." Doyle added that he got the impression that Basker had been under surveillance by the FBI but he explained that Chief Ryan did not definitely make such a statement.

SAC Gale commented that the Skokie area is inflamed by this situation and he advised that information was received from an officer of the Skokie Police Department to the effect that on about 2-17-61 Jaffe attempted to insert in the Sunday newspapers a leaflet captioned "Is Communism Infiltrating Our Community Through the Guise of Integration?" dealing with this incident and referring to the communist sympathies of the Baskers. The SAC reiterated that he does not believe Norma Wright was responsible for any leak of FBI information and he noted that both Doyle and Jaffe denied that they ever obtained information through anyone in the FBI. SAC Gale surmised that possibly the FBI's name was injected into this matter as a result of information obtained from the American Security Council or perhaps as a result of a misinterpretation of remarks made by the Chief of Police. SAC Gale proposed to once again caution all employees concerning the confidential nature of FBI records and he stated that based upon his inquiry it does not appear that the information in consideration "leaked" from the Chicago Office.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION:

1. That SAC Gale be advised it will be satisfactory to forcefully remind all employees concerning the confidential nature of Bureau information and urge them to be most circumspect in their actions and conversations to avoid any embarrassment.

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2. That SAC Gale be instructed to personally contact the "Chicago Sun-Times" reporter, Frank Sullivan, and advise him that both Doyle and Jaffe have denied that they ever obtained any information through anyone from the FBI.

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To: SAC, Chicago

PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: Director, FBI

ROBERT S. BASKER
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Reurairtel 2-21-61 concerning a possible leak of FBI information from the Chicago Office.

You are advised that it will be satisfactory to forcefully remind all employees concerning the confidential nature of Bureau information and urge them to be most circumspect in their actions and conversations to avoid any embarrassing situations. You are further advised that you should personally contact the Chicago "Sun - Times" reporter, Frank Sullivan, and inform him that both Mickey Jaffe and Jacques L. Doyle have denied that they ever obtained information through anyone from the FBI. Furnish the results of the contact with Sullivan to the Bureau.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach

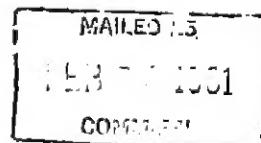
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R.J. Based on memo Davidson to Callahan 2-24-61 TJN:cch.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: March 1, 1961

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: MR. AND MRS. ROBERT ~~BASKER~~
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P. ELI BASKER

Congresswoman Margaret Stitt Church called 2-28-61. A number of constituents in her district have complained over the fact that captioned individuals have interceded to arrange for the sale of a home to a colored family in a white neighborhood. A number of circulars have been distributed stating that the Baskers have attended communist front meetings and have associated with communists.

Congresswoman Church stated that she knew she was not entitled to FBI information but asked if we could give her any possible guidance as to whether she should attempt to protest the defamation of the Baskers' name or not.

After checking, I called Congresswoman Church back and told her she might desire to very carefully check a number of sources of public information regarding the Baskers. I told her that she might desire to go very carefully into this matter. She expressed appreciation and stated she understood.

Bureau files reflect that the Baskers have attended meetings of Chicago Council of American--Soviet Friendship, three such meetings being held in their residence. They have attended dinners sponsored for the Chicago families of Smith Act victims, the Chicago Sobell Committee and have associated and worked with members of the Communist Party.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

1 - Mr. Parsons
 1 - Mr. Rosen
 1 - Mr. Jones

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile - 100-431316) **DATE:** 12-28-65
FROM : SAC CHICAGO 100-31133
SUBJECT: ROBERT SLOANE BASKER
 SM-C

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Miami Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Miami Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence address

Apt. 2, 3161 S. W. 14th Street, Miami Florida

Business address

Encyclopoedia Britannica, 1492 West Flager Street,

Miami, Florida

Check the following applicable statements:

This individual has been the subject of a Reserve Index Card (Section B).
 This individual is the subject of a "Section A" Reserve Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Reserve Index at the Seat of Government. The _____ Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:

Reserve Index Cards
 Serials (specify)
 Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below)
 Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph.
 None available.
 Previously furnished.

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Photographs were sent to Miami with Chicago airtel dated 10-15-65 and captioned Hedda Guido, Miami file 100-15217.

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